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THE PARTY'S OVER

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"Please stop! Please stop!" King pleaded Sunday as he was struck at least 40 times with police batons, said witness Dorothy Gibson, adding the officers "were all laughing and chuckling, like they had just had a party."

"This is a part of black experience in the United States," Jackson said. "We have been persistent recipients of this kind of violence. The quiet, well-kept secret is the LAPD has long manipulated the media and the public."

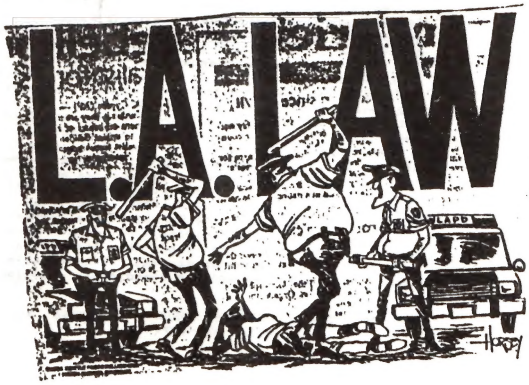
Associated Press

Videotape made by witness from his apartment in a Los Angeles suburb shows police beating and kicking motorist.

Furor mounts over L.A. police beating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Outrage mounted yesterday over the videotaped police beating of an unarmed black motorist with thousands of angry calls to police headquarters, the mayor's office and civil rights activists.

The startling video, shot from a balcony by a resident and shown nationwide on network television news programs, showed officers using an electric stun gun to subdue Rodney King, then clubbing the prone man as he begged for mercy.



LOCAL NEWS

Explosion breaks dormitory window at Williams College

WILLIAMSTOWN — A cherry bomb or similar fireworks taped to a Williams College dormitory window late Tuesday night exploded, sending shards of glass flying into the room.

The student was unharmed, according to Police Chief John M. Kennedy Jr., who called the incident "potentially very dangerous."

The incident, at Spencer Hall, was reported by the Williams College security department just after 10 p.m.

Kennedy said police are "following up some leads" in the investigation.

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On Tuesday, March 5, at around 9:00 pm, a small explosion blew out the window of a suite in Spencer House. Police began an investigation into the incident, but uncovered no evidence. None, that is, until campus Right-Wingers began fabricating evidence.

Now, we of Autonome Forum would like to think that whoever carried out this action did so for political reasons. This is a distinct possibility. The bombed room belonged to Jim Clarke and Brian Carlson, two noted campus reactionaries. Inside the bombed room, in full view of passers-by, hangs a large Confederate flag. Displaying such a flag is a shameless act. There is no difference between displaying that symbol and flying a Nazi flag. So, it seems reasonable that someone could have felt deeply offended and took action. If so, Clarke and Carlson got what they deserved. If the bombing was a political act, then it was a justified, anti-fascist action.

BUT, could the Conservatives have bombed themselves? Again, the only evidence uncovered in the case thus far has been evidence fabricated by Right-Wingers in a failed attempt to frame Autonome Forum anarchists.

EXHIBIT A: A false Daily Advisor note on the morning after the attack which credited "THE [sic] AUTONOME FORUM" as having done the action.

EXHIBIT B: A fake letter, supposedly signed by Jason Zimba, delivered to The Berkshire Eagle on the morning after the attack. This note, which also gave Autonome Forum the blame, is considered a fabrication by Police Officer Zoito of Williamstown.

EXHIBIT C: A report leaked to us from the Security Department states that someone using the name David Popp testified over the phone that he had witnessed, from his window, "Brian Coan throwing a bomb through the Spencer window". This report is also a fabrication as the real David Popp made no such report to Security.

So it seems that someone has been trying to frame Autonome Forum. All of the pieces of evidence above are facts. What they represent is a pathetic attempt by someone, one of our campus reactionaries, no doubt, to frame certain individuals for criminal acts. And this is not the first time campus conservatives have tried to do this. The Conservatives have tried to get campus activists expelled and indicted on any number of pretenses ranging from computer theft to mail fraud. The local police have been more than happy to oblige them in their attempts, but in each and every case, the Conservatives have failed and made themselves look foolish as a result.

The Spencer Bombing is the most recent, and most nefarious, attempt by the reactionary Right to frame campus anarchists. This incident makes one recall the actions of the Nazi demagogues of the 1930's. Again, if someone attacked Spencer for political reasons, then they were probably justified in doing so. But all the evidence up until now points to the Conservatives themselves. We of Autonome Forum would like to encourage all concerned students to contact the Deans' Office and demand that they investigate and find out who carried out this frame-up attempt. The Conservatives involved in this scheme should be exposed and immediately expelled from the college.

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Cherry bomb blasts window in Spencer

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DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
Hopkins Hall

tigators confounded by bombing

March 6, 1991

To Williams Students, Faculty, and Staff:

A cherry bomb blew in a window in a student room at Spencer House around 9:30 P.M. Tuesday evening (March 5th). Fortunately the students in the room at the time were not injured. The College is working with the police to investigate this very grave incident. If you have any information regarding this incident, please call me at once (x4336).

Sincerely yours,

Ransom Jenks
Director of Security

Williamstown police and college security are still investigating a cherry bomb explosion that shattered a ground-level window in Spencer House last Tuesday night. According to Williamstown Chief of Police Mike Kennedy, several suspects and informants have already been questioned, but no arrests have been made.

According to Kennedy, who also said that police found pieces of grey duct tape and fragments of the firework outside Spencer, a cherry bomb was taped to the window.

A message attributed to the Autonome Forum, a student anarchist group, appeared in the Daily Advisor last Wednesday, attracting immediate attention on campus. The message read, "The Autonome Forum Cherry bombs fight the class war."

"It was completely silent in here, and I was studying on the sofa," Carlson said, "and about 9:15 I heard this tremendous blast. My first reaction was that it might be a gunshot, and I ducked down on the ground."

According to Kennedy, the blast scattered glass shards across the room and barely missed Carlson, who was sitting below another window five feet away.

Many accusations and denials

There have also been a series of accusations and rebuttals issued from different sources, but which has yielded no results.

HOW TO SHOOT A SLINGSHOT

ATTENTION: ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WHEN SHOOTING A SLINGSHOT.

① STANCE

Stand at a right angle to the target. Have your weight on both feet and space feet comfortably apart.

② LOADING

1. With pouch hanging evenly place pellet in pouch. Take slack out of bands by pressing down with index finger.
2. Move thumb and second finger to sides of the pouch.
3. Now shift index finger to side of pouch and hold between first and second joint of finger. Center pellet. Note pouch ends are evened up.

③ DRAWING

Extend the left arm (for a right-handed shooter) directly toward target. Straighten the sling arm out. Hold sling with the handle horizontal. Pull pouch back smoothly as you take a deep breath. Try to develop rhythm.

④ ANCHORING

Always have the pouch in the same position in relationship to the aiming eye. Anchor your drawing hand with joint of thumb and fingers sunk in the hollow of cheek.

⑤ GRIPPING THE SLINGSHOT

Accurate tournament shooting is only possible if a consistent wrist position is used shot after shot.

Always shoot with a relaxed grip. A tight grip may cause the "U" frame to work off the handle. In the above photo the hand has been opened more than the recommended amount to amplify the point. The power bands should come straight back from the prongs.

Bend your wrist slightly so the center of the slingshot lines up with your arm. Do not bend your wrist. This puts an extra strain on the lower power bands and as the pellet is released the shooter has a tendency to twist the slingshot which can cause a miss.

⑥ AIMING

Using the anchor described above. The top prong of the sling should be brought approximately onto the target. Exact position will vary a little.

⑦ RELEASING

Simply let pouch slip between the index finger and thumb. Avoid jerking.

⑧ FOLLOW THROUGH

Hold position momentarily without swinging sling hand.

JOCKS DOING SOMETHING GOOD FOR ONCE

Sixteen hurt, 12 arrested in keg riot

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — About 1,000 students at the University of Hartford rioted early yesterday when police tried to break up an unauthorized keg party, authorities said.

Students pelted police with rocks and beer bottles after spilling out of an on-campus apartment to a nearby common.

Seven police officers and nine students suffered cuts and bruises. Twelve students were arrested on charges of first-degree riot, which is a felony, breach of peace and interfering with police.

At its height, about 100 officers from four cities and the campus safety force were called to the melee, which began when campus officers arrived about 1:30 a.m. to confiscate a beer keg, said school spokesman Ed Matesky. The students had not received permission for a keg party.

NOW THAT'S A NEW ONE!!!

Police assaulted with kangaroo tails

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (AP) — Aborigines attacked three policemen with frozen kangaroo tails in a remote Northern Territory town and then ate the evidence, a court was told yesterday.

Senior Constable Mark Coffey told Alice Springs Court that the three officers were attacked Thursday by 15 aborigines carrying frozen kangaroo tails bought at a local store. The officers, who were also pelted with rocks, suffered cuts and bruises but were not seriously injured, Coffey said. Six men were arrested and charged with assault.

But a police spokesman said the kangaroo tails won't be introduced as evidence because it is believed they were eaten by the aborigines after the alleged attack. Kangaroo tails are considered a dietary staple for many of Australia's native people in the Outback.

Coffey said police believe the attack stemmed from an earlier attempt by police to move a man sitting in the middle of a highway in an apparent suicide bid. The man refused to move and a fight developed, Coffey said.

Quote

I don't eat salad. I eat beef and wear wool.

— Maj. Gen. Paul Funk, commander of the the 3rd Armored Division in the gulf, when asked to describe himself.